foreign Investment in Telecom Sector

*75. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment have assessed any programme for creating more infrastruture facilities in Telecom Sector based on latest technology;

(b) whether it is a fact that some M.N.Cs, having the latest technology, in this field are ready for investment in infrastructure facilities in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total foreign investment envisaged?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Due to rapid changes in Telecom technologies, development and related creation of infrastructure facilities is a continuous process. Old analogue and electro-mechanical technologies are being substituted by latest digital technologies.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. some of the major foreign manufacturers including MNCs have submitted their proposals for foreign investment in the area of modem and latest technologies in telecom sector. A list of the major proposals which have been approved by Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) is enclosed as statement.

Statement

List of the Major Proposals which have been approved by F.I.P.B. in the areas of Modern and Latest Technologies in Telecom sector (up to 31.1.97)

s. No.	Name of the Foreign Company	Name of equipment/ Technology	Approved Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
1.	Nokia, Finland	Base stations for Wireless equipment.	Rs. 35 crores
2.	Qualcomm Incorporated, USA.	Digital Wireless Communication Equipment (WLL)	Rs. 140 crores
3.	Advance Fibre Communication, USA.	Digital Loop Carrier (WLL)	Rs. 35 crores
4.	Harris Corporation USA.	WLL, ISDN, etc.	Rs. 35 crores
5.	Nortel Mauritius Ltd., Mauritius.	WLL, SDH, etc.	Rs. 157.5 crores
6.	Fujitsu, Japan.	SDH	Rs. 31.72 crores
7.	Samsung Electronics Corp. Ltd., Korea	SDH Equipment	Rs. 37.5 crores

Textile Mills under NTC

*76. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills managed or supervised by the National Textile Corporation;

(b) the total amount of profit/loss ac cruing to the Corporation during each of the last three years from these mills;

(c) the number of mills that are con tinuously making losses for five years or more and are sick beyond redemption;

and